

Monday 19 Feb	
0800-1630	Industry Tours
1630-1730	Registration Collection & Exhibition Walkthrough
1730-1930	Waterfront Welcome Drinks

Tuesday 20 Feb		
0730	Registration desk open	
0800	Exhibition opens	
0830	Conference Opening & Welcome MC Opening Announcements & Welcome NGIA President	
0845	Address to Industry	
0905	Welcome to Tasmania – Selling the story of the grower... Matt Evans, <i>The Gourmet Farmer</i>	
0950	American Trends for Australian Nursery & Garden Businesses Chris Beytes, <i>Ball Publishing, Florida USA</i>	
1035	MORNING TEA - Exhibition Area	
1100	Workshop: Horticulture Masterclass Dr Alistair Gracie & Dr David Monckton, <i>Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, School of Land and Food, University of Tasmania</i>	Sorry, not available! Dealing with plant shortages Christina Gnezdiloff, <i>Evergreen Connect</i>
		Managing the pressures of farming Kerri-Lynn Peachey, <i>Australian Centre for Agricultural Health and Safety</i>
		2020Vision and Plant Life Balance Ben Peacock, <i>Republic of Everyone</i>
1245	LUNCH - Exhibition Area	
1330	Drone technology: opportunity for nursery application Adam Kilpatrick, <i>University of Adelaide</i>	Improving synergies between retailers and growers Bruce Stanley, <i>Alpine Nurseries</i>
	An update from Garden Centers of Australia (GCA) and Garden Releaf 2018 Leigh Siebler, <i>Garden Centres of Australia</i>	Innovative management and marketing strategies for nursery & garden businesses Chris Beytes, <i>Ball Publishing, Florida</i>
	Biosecurity War – 2018's high and medium risks explained Lois Ransom, <i>Department of Agriculture and Water Resources</i>	Hort Innovation Strategic Levy and Frontier Initiatives Selwyn Snell, <i>Chairman, Hort Innovation</i>
1515	AFTERNOON TEA – Exhibition Area	
1535	Nursery & Garden Industry Australia – State of Play Peter Vaughan, <i>CEO Nursery & Garden Industry Australia</i>	
1610	Industry Structural Change Panel Discussion.	
1700	Closing announcements – Day 1	
1830	OPTIONAL - Hobart Brewing Company Casual Function	

Wed 21 Feb		
0800	Registration Desk open	
0830	Results of the Tree Standard Research Professor Mark Tjoelker, <i>University of Western Sydney</i>	The art and science of plant breeding and selection Angus Stewart
	Nursery Industry Biosecurity Program John McDonald, <i>Nursery & Garden Industry Australia</i>	
	Diagnosing Plant Diseases Andrew Manners, <i>University of Queensland</i>	Weed management in nurseries using herbicide Daniel Docherty, <i>Syngenta Australia</i>
1015	MORNING TEA - Exhibition Area	
1040	The future of retail: Five trends shaping how we shop Louise Grimmer, <i>University of Tasmania</i>	21st Century Plant Propagation - New technologies and techniques Angus Stewart
	Nursery Research & Statistics & Data Tool Jan Paul Van Moort, <i>ACIL Allen Consulting</i>	
	Future for nursery and greenhouse crops Chris Beytes, <i>Ball Publishing, Florida USA</i>	
		Retail Health Check Louise Grimmer, <i>University of Tasmania</i>
1225	LUNCH - Exhibition Area	
1310	The future of the Nursery Industry & the Digital World Rose Herceg, <i>Futurist, Social Forecaster, Chief Strategy Officer, WPP AUNZ</i>	
1355	Demographic shifts for greenlife growers and retailers to capture! Mark McCrindle, <i>Social Researcher, Principle at McCrindle Research</i>	
1440	AFTERNOON TEA - Exhibition Area	
1500	Repositioning Industry! Value what you do and others will follow -Culture Shift Chris Helder, Author of 'Useful Belief' and 'The Ultimate Book of Influence'	
1545	FINAL SPEAKER Improvise, Adapt, Overcome Paul de Gelder, <i>Advocate, Adventurer and former Navy Clearance Diver</i>	
1630	Closing announcements – Conference concludes	
1800 Sharp	Industry Dinner -Ferry departs for MONA Museum of Old & New Art	

*Current as at January 2017.
Program subject to change without notice



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